

rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2110, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GOHMERT. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material in the RECORD on the 21 bills just considered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

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HONORING RUFUS JOHNSON

(Mr. CONAWAY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, I rise tonight to speak in recognition of the accomplishments of Rufus Johnson of Kerrville, Texas. Of African American and Cherokee descent, Mr. Johnson was born in Maryland in May of 1911 and faced adversity at a very early age. He lost his mother when he was 4 years old, but he never allowed any situation to dictate his path.

After his mother passed away, Mr. Johnson was sent to live with his aunt and uncle in Pennsylvania. As a boy in Pennsylvania, he was forbidden to swim in the city pool. This cost him the much-coveted Boy Scouts of America Eagle rank because he could not earn the swimming merit badge. Mr. Johnson never forgot this missed opportunity; and, ironically, it was this missed opportunity that led him on his path to historical significance.

Among his many life achievements, Mr. Johnson worked in the White House of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, served in the United States Army during World War II, and became a successful attorney.

Immediately after enrolling at Howard University in Washington, D.C., he joined the Reserve Officers Training Corps, took swimming lessons and became a certified lifeguard.

Mr. Johnson's certification won him a job as the White House pool lifeguard during FDR's Presidency. Having earned the respect and admiration of FDR, Mr. Johnson became his butler as well, a position that often included lifting the President from his chair. Mr. Johnson recalls with great respect the pride and independence of President Roosevelt.

Mr. Johnson earned a place in White House history when a bowl of soup on a tray he was carrying tipped over and spilled on the President's lap. Accord-

ing to Mr. Johnson, it was Roosevelt himself who intentionally, but secretly, tipped the tray and caused the bowl to land on himself during the meeting. Mr. Johnson said FDR continued the conversation without pause and earned the respect of his adversary sitting at the dinner table with him.

When First Lady Roosevelt learned that Mr. Johnson was preparing to take the bar exam, she had a desk set up in the White House to allow him to study for 2 hours every day.

In October of 1942, he was called to active duty as a captain in the 92nd Infantry Division of African American soldiers. Mr. Johnson earned the admiration and respect of all who served with him and was awarded the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, and the Combat Infantry Badge, and received a special regimental citation for bravery. He was called to duty and served again during the Korean war, where he attained the rank of lieutenant colonel.

After his service in the military, Mr. Johnson set up a law practice in California and also performed pro bono work. He argued successfully before the California Supreme Court in defense of the first amendment rights of American Indians. He won the decision, and it still stands today.

Mr. Johnson relocated to Kerrville in 1994, where he still resides with his stepdaughter, Yvonne Smith. He turned 95 last May, and the Texas State Legislature and the White House paid tribute to him on his birthday. Tonight, I pay tribute to Rufus Johnson for his years of service to our Nation. He is a respected member of his community, and he has a life story that deserves to be remembered.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. CLEAVER (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of official business.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today until 6:30 p.m.

Mr. MEEHAN (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for the week of September 25 on account of a death in the family.

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for September 25 and 26 on account of official business.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mrs. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 2066. An act to amend title 40, United States Code, to establish a Federal Acquisition Service, to replace the General Supply Fund and the Information Technology Fund with an Acquisition Services Fund, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5074. An act to amend the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 to provide for continued payment of railroad retirement annuities by the Department of the Treasury, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5187. An act to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize additional appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts for fiscal year 2007.

SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 176. An act to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Alaska.

S. 244. An act to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Wyoming.

S. 3525. An act to amend part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to reauthorize the promoting safe and stable families program, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GOHMERT. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), the House adjourned until today, Thursday, September 28, 2006, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

9634. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Importation of Table Grapes From Namibia [Docket No. APHIS-2006-0025] received September 21, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9635. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, APHIS, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Brucellosis in Cattle; State and Area Classifications; Wyoming [Docket No. APHIS-2006-0138] received September 18, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9636. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Storage, Handling, and Ginning Requirements for Cotton Marketing Assistance Loan Collateral (RIN: 0560-AH48) received September 20, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9637. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program — Tropical Regions (RIN: 0560-AH19) received September 20, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9638. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Endothall; Pesticide Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-0018; FRL-8080-7] received August 14, 2006, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

9639. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Trifloxystrobin; Pesticide Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2005-0299; FRL-8093-